Department of Defense Public-Private Competition of Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Services Performed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) W912DR-05-R-0002

On August 27, 2004, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a standard competition under OMB Circular A-76 (the circular) for the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) services performed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) located at Vicksburg, MS and Hanover, NH. Solicitation W912DR-05-R-0002 was issued on March 31, 2005 and closed on January 12, 2006. The performance decision by the Source Selection Authority was made on June 28, 2006, announced today, July 05, 2006, and is in favor of the Government's Most Efficient Organization.

The following information is provided in accordance with FAR 15.503(b): (1) The number of offerors solicited: 58 firms registered as prime contractors; (2) The number of proposals received: Two - The Government Tender and one private-sector offer; (3) the name and address of each offeror receiving an award: Most Efficient Organization, Mr. Larry Robinson, Agency Tender Official, HQ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 441G Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20314; (4) Total contract price: \$16,695,298.00 (six-month phase-in plus one year base period and four - one year option periods). As required by the circular, notification is being provided to all private sector offerors, public reimbursable sources, the Agency Tender Official, and directly affected government personnel and their representatives, in accordance with FAR 15.503. As indicated in the circular, "A directly interested party (see Attachment D of the circular) may contest any of the following actions taken in connection with a standard competition: (1) a solicitation; (2) the cancellation of a solicitation; (3) a determination to exclude a tender or offer from a standard competition; (4) a performance decision, including, but not limited to, compliance with the costing provisions of this circular and other elements in an agency's evaluation of offers and tenders; or (5) a termination or cancellation of a contract or letter of obligation if the challenge contains an allegation that the termination or cancellation is based in whole or in part on improprieties concerning the performance decision."

The circular stipulates that, "The pursuit of a contest by a directly interested party and the resolution of such contest by the agency shall be governed by the procedures of FAR Subpart 33.103." A "Directly Interested Party" is defined by the circular (Attachment D as noted above) as, "The agency official who submitted the agency tender; a single individual appointed by a majority of directly affected employees as their agent; a private sector offeror; or the official who certifies the public reimbursable tender." FAR Subpart 33.103 addresses protests to the agency. In this case, "the agency" is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and all protests shall be addressed to: For hand delivered protests: U.S. Army Engineer District, Baltimore, ATTN: District Counsel/CENAB-OC, Room 6420, City Crescent Building, 10 South Howard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201 or For mailed protests: U.S. Army Engineer District, Baltimore, ATTN: CENAB-OC, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715. Offerors are advised that strict timeliness requirements apply to filing of agency-level contests and Government Accountability Office (GAO) protests. Offerors should seek independent counsel in deciding whether to file an agency contests or GAO protest.